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SENATE BILL 150

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF MATTERS  
SUBJECT TO OPEN MEETINGS FOR STANDING AND CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEES; CHANGING NOTICE PROVISIONS; REQUIRING CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEES TO BE PUBLIC MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR PROPORTIONATE  
MEMBERSHIP ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 10-15-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,  
Chapter 91, Section 2) is amended to read:

"10-15-2. STATE LEGISLATURE--MEETINGS.--

A. All meetings of a quorum of members of any  
committee or policymaking body of the [~~state~~] legislature held  
for the purpose of discussing public business or for the  
purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the  
delegated authority of [~~such~~] the committee or body are

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1 declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times.  
2 Reasonable notice of meetings shall be given to the public by  
3 publication in the daily calendars or by the presiding officer  
4 in each house at the time the meeting is scheduled.

5 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this section  
6 [~~shall~~] do not apply to matters relating to personnel or  
7 matters adjudicatory in nature [~~or any bill, resolution or~~  
8 ~~other legislative matter not yet presented to either house of~~  
9 ~~the legislature or general appropriation bills~~].

10 C. Conference committees shall:

11 (1) consist of a proportionate membership from  
12 the majority and minority parties, provided that there shall be  
13 at least one member from each minority party;

14 (2) be open to the public for public  
15 observation but not for public participation; and

16 (3) not be subject to the provisions of  
17 Section 10-15-4 NMSA 1978.

18 [~~C.~~] D. For the purposes of this section, "meeting"  
19 means a gathering of the members called by the presiding  
20 officer of a standing committee or a conference committee."